

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**April 2, 2004**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>AMENDMENT TO THE</b>	)	<b>04-00005</b>
<b>INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT</b>	)	
<b>BETWEEN BELL SOUTH</b>	)	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND</b>	)	
<b>DSLNET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC</b>	)	

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**ORDER APPROVING  
THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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This matter came before Director Pat Miller, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 22, 2004, to consider, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Petition for approval of the fourth amendment to the interconnection agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and DSLnet Communications, LLC.

The original interconnection agreement between these parties was filed on January 21, 2003, and was assigned Docket No. 03-00058. It was approved at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on March 3, 2003. The first amendment was filed on March 6, 2003, under Docket No. 03-00187 and was approved at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on April 24, 2003. The second amendment was filed on September 3, 2003, under Docket No. 03-00496 and was approved at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on October 21, 2003. The third amendment was filed on September 30, 2003, under Docket No. 03-00535 and was

approved at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on November 24, 2003. The fourth amendment, which is the subject of this docket, was filed on January 7, 2004.

Based upon a review of the fourth amendment, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors unanimously granted the Petition and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

2) The amendment is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the service area of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

3) The amendment is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.

4) 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A) provides that a state commission may reject a negotiated agreement only if it “discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement” or if the implementation of the agreement “is not consistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.” Unlike arbitrated agreements, a state commission may not reject a negotiated agreement on the grounds that the agreement fails to meet the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 or 252(d).<sup>1</sup> Thus, although the Authority finds that neither ground for rejection of a negotiated agreement exists, this finding should not be construed to mean that the amendment is consistent with §§ 251 or 252(d) or, for that matter, previous Authority decisions.

5) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.

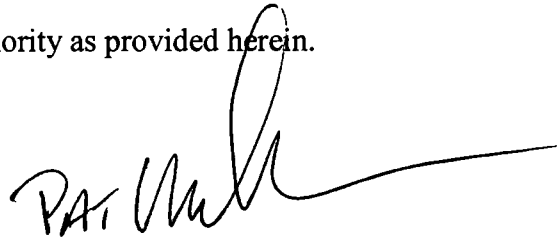
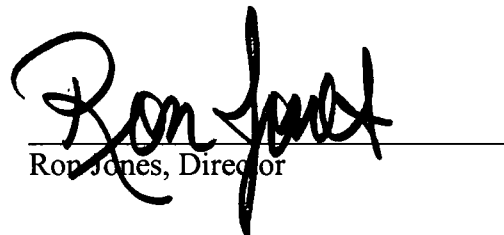
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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(B).

6) The amendment is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Petition is granted, and the fourth amendment to the interconnection agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and DSLnet Communications, LLC is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

  
Pat Miller, Director  
Sara Kyle, Director  
Ron Jones, Director